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Brian Gustafson, Administrator Air Quality Program Department of Environment and Natural Resources 523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am the President of Metro Electric, Inc. a company with its business in the Siouxland Area. Please accept this letter as our company's formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for the tri-state region and our nation.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United State. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. I am also comforted in knowing that Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit the state, region, and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit everyone in the region not to mention allowing South Daktoa to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

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Dave Gill President